



September 4, 2012

Dear Parents/Guardians:

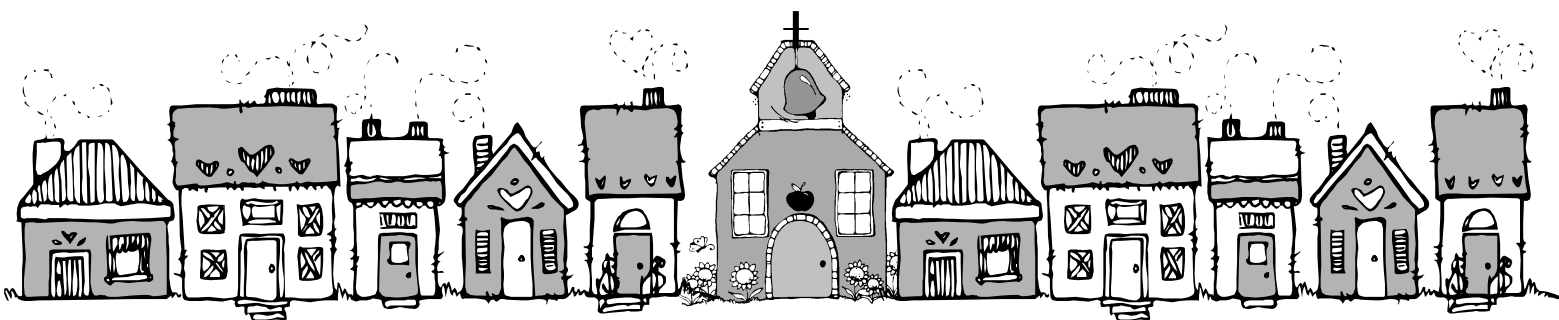
Welcome to the 2012-2013 school year and a special welcome to the students and families who are new to our school community. My name is Mary Ann McCuen and I am your child's teacher this year. Your child's French teacher is Mme Currie. As part of the Grade 3 team, we are looking forward to an exciting year of learning with your child. It gives me great pleasure to welcome your child into our classroom as we kick off another great year at Guardian Angels.

Over the next couple of weeks the students will be busy getting settled, establishing routines, reviewing safety rules, and being introduced to new units of study. More details about the Grade 3 program will be outlined on Program Night, which will be held on Thursday, September 20th from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

Each month I will be sending home Scholastic book order forms. Please take a moment to look them over. You are under no obligation to buy. If however, any titles interest you, please calculate the correct amount and send both the form and a cheque payable to Scholastic Canada Ltd. (Please do not send cash!) Also, please ensure all book orders arrive at school by the due date to prevent delays on orders. We are eligible for free books for the classroom each time we send in an order. Learning to read and understanding what he/she is reading are the foundation of a child's education. Reading expands a child's horizons and introduces him/her to new ideas. Studies have shown that reading to children frequently and starting at an early age also helps develop a life-long love of reading.

Now that your child is in Grade 3, he/she should be developing responsibility for homework and have an established routine which can be carried on through high school. Homework will consist of reading and practising concepts already worked on at school. At this stage, an appropriate amount of time spent on homework is 10-20 minutes per evening on top of reading. The homework routine will be initiated shortly.

	<p>Meet the Teacher Thursday, September 20th, 2012 Meet first in the Gym, 6:30 P.M.</p>
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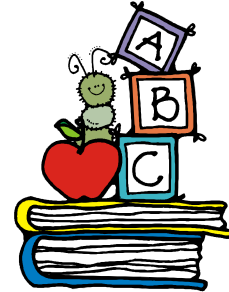
By our works we show our faith.



Communication between home and school is very important. Agendas will be used regularly to record homework and other messages. Please read and **initial your child's agenda daily**. It is also a convenient place for you to jot any messages or notes as I will check the agendas daily. When your child receives the agenda, please review the first section of the agenda for useful information concerning school routines and policies. We are expecting to receive the agendas shortly.

To help with the smooth operation of our class, the Grade 3 team is suggesting a few helpful supplies. These include:

- an enclosed pencil sharpener (ex. Staedtler)
- quality pencil crayons (ex. Laurentians)
- non-marking indoor shoes
- 1 box of Kleenex or 1 box of large Zip-loc bags
- 4 tennis balls (used as chair "slippers")
- 1 red pen
- 15 cm **clear** plastic ruler



For an upcoming Religion Craft we require a 15 cm diameter plastic lid (ex. Margarine lid) by the end of September.

Please have all **personal items marked with your child's name** to help facilitate returning lost items to the rightful owner.

Please remember that we are a peanut free school, so please ensure that granola bars etc. are peanut free. Thanks for your cooperation.

I look forward to meeting you and working with your child this year.

Sincerely,

Mary Ann McCuen
&
The Grade 3 Team

